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Garcia supports legislation to protect domestic violence victims

LANSING – State Senator Valde Garcia, R-Howell, is co-sponsoring Senate Bill 1024, which would amend the Michigan Penal Code to provide victims of domestic violence with additional protection.

SB 1024 would classify the act of destroying telecommunication devices when a victim is trying to report the violence as a “criminal act.” (Currently, the Michigan Penal Code does not classify this act as “criminal.”)

One of the primary threats in domestic violence is the attempt to isolate the victim and to prevent the victim from seeking help. This legislation would make it easier for prosecutors to use destruction of phones and other devices in making their cases against the aggressor.

The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee of Judiciary.

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